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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Pan American Case

1. In connection with the Pan American suit against Aetna regarding a 747 destroyed by the PFLP in Cairo, the American insurance underwriters filed a very broad request for the Government to produce all sorts of information about the episode itself, the PFLP and other Arab groups and individuals, and [REDACTED] connection with the Agency. Over the months this has been narrowed to some extent by our [REDACTED] and our declassification of certain reports on individuals which had no particular source or method problem. A group of reports which we had submitted to FAA came up for consideration. These involved TDCSs and cables, all of which had very specific source and method problems. Accordingly, we filed a Claim of Privilege based on State Secrets, which so far has been accepted by the Federal District Court in New York. We have also filed an Affidavit that certain other reports which were requested were not among CIA's own documents.

2. Our latest information is that next Monday, 8 January, the Judge will ask whether the documents we have either submitted or have claimed as privileged are all the documents we have pertaining to this episode. Research is being done on this question, and we will work out an appropriate response with the U. S. Attorney for Monday morning. STATINTL

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